

**In the Abstract**

Please amend the Abstract as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/010565 as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

~~The invention relates to a~~ A brake system, in particular for utility vehicles is provided. A compressed-air-operated brake system (10) ~~which is based on the invention and is of the type~~ which is used, in particular, in utility vehicles, has a multi-circuit brake system having a front-axle brake circuit (20) and a rear-axle brake circuit (13). Here, a load emptying valve (12) is provided in the front-axle brake circuit (20) in order to influence the braking force which is adapted to the loading of the vehicle. The braking force or the brake pressure in the rear-axle brake circuit (13) is predefined by means of an automatically load-dependent braking force regulating process as a function of the load acting on the rear axle. The load emptying valve (12) is actuated by a fluidic connection (16) from the rear-axle brake circuit. ~~According to the invention, a~~ A check valve (17) is provided for shutting off the fluidic connection (16) between the load emptying valve (12) and the rear-axle brake circuit (13) when a brake slip regulating process is carried out at the rear axle.